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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment and Response to the Office Action, mailed July 16, 2002, and a return postcard for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including the fee for the \mathbf{x} extension of time, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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